

Elizabeth line – the facts and figures

The first new train has now taken to the tracks in the capital.

AS London's latest model starts running on what will be part of the Elizabeth line, MetroTravel looks at the benefits of the service both today and in the future.

- The Elizabeth line will stretch for more than 110km, from Reading and Heathrow in the west to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east
- It will provide passengers with a fast, efficient service into the heart of the capital, and give tourists arriving at Heathrow another route into town



- Last week, London's newest train was introduced on the eastern section of the line – from Liverpool Street to Shenfield – with seven carriages per train. Services will start on the western section next May, with a fleet of 66 nine-carriage trains
- Elizabeth line services will begin in December 2018 when trains start running through the

central London tunnels: from Paddington to Abbey Wood; Liverpool Street to Shenfield; and Paddington main line to Heathrow Terminal 4

- Once the line is fully open in 2019, more than half a million passengers are expected to use the service every day
- All stations along the route are designed to be accessible so disabled people and those with luggage or buggies can travel easily. Forty step-free stations are being built or upgraded to make them step-free

New trains

- The seven-carriage trains are air-conditioned with three double doors per carriage. By autumn, the new trains will make up half the TfL fleet on the line
- Next May, once the western section of line comes into service from Heathrow to Paddington, the trains will have nine carriages and be 200 metres long. They will be able to carry up to 1,500 passengers



- Intelligent lighting and temperature control on the driver-operated trains will help to regenerate electricity back into the supply when braking, and use up to 30 per cent less energy
- All Elizabeth line stations will have level access from platform to trains at all of the new central London stations and at Heathrow and Abbey Wood

- At stations on the outer sections, which share tracks with other services, staff will use a manual boarding ramp between the platform and train
- The same 'turn up and go' service, currently provided on the Tube and London Overground, will be available for passengers who need assistance getting on and off trains

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Upgraded stations now open for travel

CHARING Cross and Lancaster Gate stations fully reopened yesterday after extensive improvements were completed. The Northern line ticket hall at Charing Cross has been completely overhauled.

A smart modern décor, with a straightened line of gates now welcomes customers and provides a smarter and easier start and end to their journeys. Behind the scenes, upgrades now provide better customer information and security features.

The closure also allowed TfL to renew the waterproofing system to prevent leaks that had become a problem in the

old ticket hall. The upgraded ticket hall also features a new retail space.

Night Tube services will resume at the station from Friday and customers should use the two staircases in Villiers Street at the junction with Strand to enter/exit during Night Tube hours.

Lancaster Gate station has also been upgraded and has now reopened for Central line services. Improvements include two new lifts and modernised ticket gates. Some of the public areas have also been redecorated to provide a smarter, fresher look.

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